



## Important Contacts for Information about Ground Water

### **Local**

Contact your planning board, code enforcement officer, or licensed plumbing inspector. If you are concerned about a septic system which may be affecting ground water, first contact your local plumbing inspector or code enforcement officer. Additional help is available from the Department of Human Services Division of Health Engineering at (207) 287-5338 or the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of Land and Water Quality at (207) 287-3901.

### **County**

For more information on all SAFE H<sub>2</sub>OME topics, call your county office of the **University of Maine Cooperative Extension** (See back for addresses and numbers).

### **State**

**Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** Contact the *Bureau of Land and Water Quality* at (207) 287-3901 for information on: non-point source pollution; wastewater discharges to Maine water, excluding septic systems; stormwater management and erosion control, gravel pits, quarries and mining; Site Location of Development Program, Natural Resources Protection Act; sand-salt storage; discharges to floor drains; or other questions on ground water quality and quantity.

Contact the DEP *Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management (BRWM)* at (207) 287-2651 if you are concerned about gasoline or other hazardous chemical contamination. Also call for information on: underground storage tanks, landfill licensing, sludge spreading, hazardous substance sites, and licensing of commercial small quantity hazardous waste generators. Report petroleum product spills, leaking storage tanks or other problems with oil or gasoline to the DEP Spill Hotline at 1-800-482-0777.

**Department of Conservation** Contact the *Maine Geological Survey* at (207) 287-2801 for Significant Sand and Gravel Aquifer Maps, other geologic and land use maps and publications, and well driller data.

**Department of Human Services** Contact the *Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL)* at (207) 287-2727, if you suspect a specific type of contamination in your drinking water (bacteria for example). Contact the HETL to order a water test kit for the contaminants you suspect are present, or contact a private lab from the yellow pages. Contact the *Drinking Water Program* (207) 287-2070 for Wellhead Protection Program and public water supplies. Contact the *Division of Health Engineering* (207) 287-5338 for engineered septic systems. Contact the *State Toxicologist* (207) 287-3591 for health effects of chemicals.

**Department of Agriculture** Contact the *Food and Rural Resources* at (207) 287-1132 if you have a concern about manure spreading or other agricultural-related activities affecting ground water; or use of environmentally safe practices to help farmers protect ground and surface water. The *Board of Pesticides Control* (207) 287-2731, registers pesticide products, licenses professional applicators and conducts enforcement to ensure proper commercial pesticide usage.

**State Planning Office** at (207) 287-3261 can provide information on septic system impacts to coastal waters.

**The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association**, P.O. Box 2176, Augusta, ME 04338, (207) 622-3118 can provide information on non-chemical pest control.



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